

Application No.: 10/762,891
Filed: January 21, 2004
AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Remarks

The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated November 7, 2005. The undersigned thanks Examiner D'Agosta for his review of the application and his helpful note regarding subject matter to which claims could be directed. Examiner D'Agosta is respectfully requested to reconsider the present application in view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein. Claims 1-29 are pending in this application. No new subject matter has been added.

Summary of Claim Amendments:

Claim 1 has been amended.

New Claims 2-29 have been added.

Claims 1-29 are pending in the present application.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claim 1 as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,197,092 to Bamburak (hereinafter Bamburak). In the rejection the Examiner appears to have read the former claim language "switch" of Claim 1 as a proximity switch for determining if a device has been physically placed in contact with that switch, such as the switch disclosed in Bamburak. Claim 1 is currently amended. Applicant respectfully submits that Bamburak does not disclose a method which includes a destination number selection switch. Applicant refers to paragraph [0039] of the originally filed application, for example, which provides support for the amendment to Claim 1.

Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of Claim 1 be withdrawn.

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New Claims

The present response includes new Claims 2-29 which further distinguish the present invention over the prior art of record. Applicant respectfully requests that a notice of allowance be issued for these claims.

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Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests allowance of all the claims pending in this case. Should Examiner D'Agosta believe that a telephone conference would be useful to resolve any concerns and move this application to allowance, Examiner D'Agosta is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below. Otherwise, Applicant respectfully requests the present application be allowed and a Notice of Allowance issue. The present communication is believed to be a full and complete response to the Office Action mailed November 7, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,



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